

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

- We are over the half way point with the Summer Library Program. We currently have 650 people participating, which is over 30 more than last summer.
- Our windows in the entryway and teen area were painted for us by Laura Wiechert. Be sure to check them out!

Community Outreach

- Pride in the Park- Catherine and Helen attended Pride in the Park on June 20.
- 4th of July Family Night- Amanda attended on June 30.
- National Night Out will be on August 4. The Library will be closing at 5:00 so we can have multiple staff at the event. Kristi designed the posters for the Police Department once again and we printed free of charge.

Youth Services

- We've had some great performances this summer! We've had a combination of hot and rainy weather so far, so two of our programs were in the air conditioning at the Community Center. Thank you to the generous donation of the Friends of the Library, we have been joined by:
 - Magician Zack Percell
 - James the Magician
 - Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals
 - J & R Aquatic Animal Rescue
- We hosted a T-Rex Tea Party on June 22
- In June we were joined by City of Columbus Finance Director Kendra Riddle for a special dragon storytime, which featured Kendra dressing up as a dragon!
- Emergency Management Director Bill Breunig joined us for a tornado themed storytime on July 14.
- We had a very big storytime at Royal Guernsey Creamery on June 17.
- Our summer interns Emily and Xandra have been busy helping with programs, coming up with their own programs, decorating the teen area, developing scavenger hunts, and even dressing up as a dinosaur!



Adult Services

- The new Mah Jongg group has been meeting every other Friday led by Connie Schultz.
- Adult Craft night created painted bricks in June. On July 16 we started a 2nd craft group. This one will meet monthly in the morning and will be lead by Amy.
- Associated Bank gave a presentation on Frauds and Scams on June 23.

Upcoming Events

- The Library Book Clubs all continue to thrive. Our upcoming meetings:
 - July 23- Books & Beer: Author Jim DeVita
 - August 6- After Hours Books Club: Kulti
 - August 17- Romantasy Book Club: A Fate Inked in Blood
 - August 20- 3rd Thursday Book Club: The Emperor of Gladness
- July 22- Bullysaurus Rex
- July 23- Libby Reads Luncheon: I See You've Called in Dead
- July 23- Adult and Teen Puzzle Competition
- July 27- Dinosaur Yoga
- July 29- Harry Potter Birthday Party
- July 30- Cookbook Club and Tasting
- August 3- Dinosaur Dimensions
- August 11- End of Summer Reading Party



Meetings

- The Columbia County Library Board and Directors met on Friday, July 17 in Columbus
- SCLS All Directors met on July 16 at the Sun Prairie Library
- Amanda will be gone September 15-20 to the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Montgomery, AL.

Library Statistics		2026 Month	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 Total	% Change from 2025 to 2026
	Visits (# door counts)	5,026	28,869	34,639	67,988	-16%*
	Items Borrowed (total)	5,176	27,066	31,141	59,674	-13%*
	% Columbus residents		*		46%	
	% Fall River residents		*		12%	
	% Other Columbia County		*		23%	
	% Dodge County		*		11%	
	% Other		*		8%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,292	7,805	7,126	14,551	10%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	14	82	82	135	0%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	6,258	32,733	29,565	39,324	11%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	223	1,461	1,353	2,592	8%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	99	531	494	993	7%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	115	686	572	1,135	20%
	Patrons Added (# added)	*	*	170	346	*

Notes about the Statistics*

- With the new ILS, SCLS is still not able to pull circulation data for specific locations or patrons added statistics yet. They will continue to work on it.
- We purchased a new door counter that is less sensitive than our old. While our numbers are down, they are more accurate.
- Our circulation numbers are down significantly, which seem to be due to the transition to the new system.

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	9	286	29
Children	3	40	0
Teen	3	21	0
Adult	14	151	1
General Interest	6	582	154